

# Using a narrative analysis, what is the lived experience of people (and their partners where appropriate) who have gastrointestinal symptoms following pelvic radiotherapy for pelvic cancer

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## Plain English summary of protocol

See <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/find-a-clinical-trial/a-study-to-understand-peoples-experiences-after-having-radiotherapy-to-the-pelvis>

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# Study information

## Scientific Title

Improving awareness among health care professionals of what people experience when they have bowel problems after pelvic radiotherapy via narrative analysis

## Study objectives

The number of people surviving a cancer diagnosis is growing and yet so are the unintended consequences of the cancer treatment. When radiotherapy is given to treat pelvic cancers up to 90 % of patients may have late GI symptoms, now known as Pelvic Radiation Disease (PRD). Whereas there are quantitative studies measuring quality of life in this group of people there is very little qualitative data regarding lived experience- what is it like to have life-changing bowel problems after completing the cancer treatment. It is hoped that this study will raise awareness amongst health care professionals about PRD and improve the current availability of specialist gastroenterology treatment.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

The Ethics Board is Health Care Research Wales, 09/06/2016, ref: 16/WA/0126

## Study design

Single site observational cohort study

## Primary study design

Observational

## Study type(s)

Quality of life

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Pelvic Radiation Disease

## Interventions

A narrative analysis will be used to analyse the qualitative interviews to gain an understanding of the experience of living with PRD. Each participant will have an interview lasting approximately 1 hour. This will be face-to face, either in the participant's home or the Out-Patient Department. The narrative analyses will depend on the patients response to the interview.

## Intervention Type

Other

## Primary outcome(s)

Life stories in narrative form, created by collecting peoples experiences of living with PRD (via face-to-face interviews) and developing a narrative to improve health care professionals understanding

## Key secondary outcome(s)

N/A

**Completion date**

01/06/2017

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Aged >18 years
2. Been referred to the PRD clinic in the trial site hospital with bowel problems at least 6 months post-completion of pelvic radiotherapy

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Unable to participate in an interview

**Date of first enrolment**

01/08/2016

**Date of final enrolment**

01/03/2017

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

United Kingdom

Wales

**Study participating centre**

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Cardiff University

### ROR

<https://ror.org/03kk7td41>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Other

### Funder Name

Investigator initiated and funded

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Available on request

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Basic results</a>		03/09/2018	03/09/2018	No	No
<a href="#">HRA research summary</a>			28/06/2023	No	No
<a href="#">Plain English results</a>			05/03/2020	No	Yes